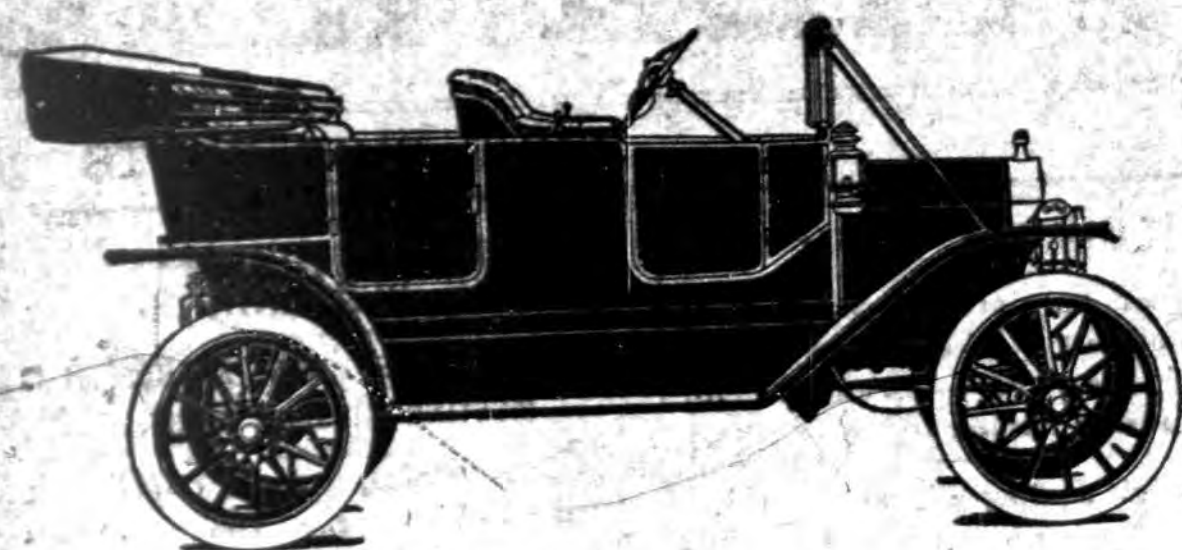


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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondents" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. What day of the month was the second Sunday in June, 1903?
A. J. W.

A. The 14th.
Q. What day of the week was November 24, 1894? November 24, 1858?
M. U.

A. Saturday. Wednesday.
Q. Please tell me the value of a half-cent of 1809.
H. C. D.

A. If with turban head, ten cents; otherwise, no premium.
Q. What is the white and colored population of the United States?
J. L. B.

A. White, 91,972,266; negro, 9,828,294.
Q. What is the correct pronunciation of the name "Beatrice"?
A. Be-a-trice, first syllable accented, as in "hat."

Q. Where can I write to get free fish from the government?
F. A. W.

A. Address the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor.
Q. Please tell me the value of a Bible published in 1712.
C. C.

A. It is not likely to be very valuable as a rare book. Take it to an old-book dealer.

Q. From whom can I get information regarding South America, with especial reference to the land laws, conditions for stock raising, etc., in Brazil?
S. B.

A. From the Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C.

Q. Please give the names of the States which have not passed upon the income tax amendment, and also those which have rejected same.
W. P. A.

A. Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming have still to act at this writing. Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and West Virginia have refused ratification.

Q. How can cotton cloth, such as is used in tents, wagon covers, etc., be made mildew proof?
J. E. B.

A. We don't know of any preventive against mildew other than fresh air and sunshine. The articles should be aired frequently, especially after damp weather.

Q. Was there a State where marriages were performed without a license twenty-five years ago?
E. L. T.

A. There were probably many States which did not require them at that time. New York, up to the last few years, was one. New Jersey requires them only in the case of non-residents, while Alaska, New Mexico and South Carolina do not require them at all present.

Q. Why did Mount Vernon pass to George Washington at the death of Lawrence Washington, his half-brother?
GENEALOGIST.

A. Lawrence Washington, by the terms of his will, left his Mount Vernon estate to George Washington Lawrence died in 1752 of consumption.

Q. Will you please state the population of Indianapolis, Ind., in 1911, so as to settle a bet.
J. B. H.

A. Information accurate enough to decide a bet is non-existent, because the population figures for Indianapolis for 1911 are merely estimates. The estimate is 250,000. According to the government census of 1910, the city had 233,650 people living within its gates.

Q. (1) Please explain the Socratic method of teaching. (2) Are the works of Socrates in print?
J. B. R.

A. (1) It is a method based on that employed by Socrates for inquiry and instruction, as represented in the dialogues of Plato. These consist of a series of questions of which the object is to explain, point by point, expressions of opinion which shall eventually establish the general truth which is under investigation.

Q. Which is the tallest building in New York, how tall is it and what is the height of the Singer building?
A. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's building, which has fifty stories and is 700 feet three inches tall. The Singer building has forty-one stories and extends 612 feet up from the pavement. A new building, now in course of construction, the Woolworth, will have fifty-five stories and a height

of 750 feet.

Q. (1) In writing you concerning a visit to your city, should I say, "I am going," or "I am coming." (2) Which is correct, "somebody's else" or "somebody else's"? (3) What is the other part of the expression, "Silence is golden"? (4) Where in Shakespeare can I find the expression: "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin"?
M.

A. (1) "I am coming" sounds better, we think, in this case. (2) "Somebody else's." (3) "Speech is silver, silence is golden." (4) Act 3, scene 3, "Troilus and Cressida."

Q. Will you kindly state under what circumstances the United States government repealed what is known as the Force bill of 1871, also known as the Ku Klux Act?
R. G. H.

A. The United States Supreme Court declared the most important clause of the act unconstitutional, as Congress had no power to enact such a measure. It authorized the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus and employ military force for the suppression of violence in any community.

Q. (1) What is the "unwritten law" to which reference is so frequently made? (2) How long does the chief justice of the United States hold office?
A. As commonly employed, it refers to the custom of extending a certain amount of immunity to persons guilty of criminal acts taken for revenge. It is often referred to as existing in communities where persons guilty of such acts are not given condign punishment, or are not punished at all, because public sentiment justifies the criminal act.

Q. (1) What is meant by "Mecca," as used in "The Mecca of his dreams"? (2) Who wrote "Old Ironsides"? (3) Who wrote the poem containing the lines: "Of the Pleiades and the solar year I am the owner of the sphere"?
A. (1) Mohammed was born at Mecca, which therefore became the holy city of the Moslems. All Mohammedans are anxious to make at least one pilgrimage to Mecca, hence the term is used to designate something much desired. (2) Oliver Wendell Holmes. (3) We do not know. (4) Rabun county, Georgia.

Q. (1) What are cowpeas? (2) What are soy beans?
J. W. D.

A. (1) A plant cultivated in the southern part of the United States and in warm parts of the world for forage for animals and for green manure. It is more nearly related to the bean than to the pea family. It bears small green pods that look like pea pods, but are flat like a string bean. The blossoms are yellow. (2) They also are grown for forage, but in addition for food. The plant is a native of Asia, grown largely in China and Japan for food purposes. It is hardy, grows about three feet high and will yield eight tons to the acre of green forage. Most of the thick sauces for meats have the seeds of the soy bean for bases.

Q. (1) Will you please tell me what C. Q. D. stands for, the call of a ship in distress? (2) Also I. H. S., used on Easter cards?
K. M. F.

A. (1) The letters are the Marconi wireless signal meaning, "Stop all sending," which indicates to all wireless operators within hearing that a message of importance is to come. In the international wireless code, the signal of a ship in distress is S. O. S., an arbitrary combination of letters. (2) Properly written I. H. S., these letters represent the Greek contraction of the name of Jesus. The symbol is often erroneously regarded as an abbreviation of the Latin

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phrase "Jesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, the Saviour of Men) or In Hoc Signo (In this sign, meaning "In this sign thou shalt conquer"). A third use of the letters is in the phrase "I Have Suffered."

Q. When were playing cards invented and for what purpose?
B. P.

A. They were invented a long while ago, for it is said that there is evidence of the existence of playing cards in Egypt at the time of Joseph. When the Jews returned from their exile in Babylon, playing cards appeared among them. In Hindustan and China cards were used long before they were introduced into Europe. Documentary proof shows that they were used in England in 1240, in Spain in 1267, in Italy in 1299, in Germany in 1300 and in France in 1361. Wherever they came from originally, there was a great deal of difference in the make-up of the pack. The English used fifty-two cards, four suits of thirteen cards; Italians thirty-two, and Germans thirty; the Chinese thirty, three suits of nine cards and three superior cards. In Hindustan ten suits of twelve cards were used. Different marks were employed. In Italy and Spain the early cards had swords to represent the nobility, chalices for the clergy, coins for the citizens and clubs for the peasants. Horsemen, elephants, hawks and other birds, bells, flowers and other subjects were also used. As late as 1848 playing cards in this country, instead of kings, queens, and so on, showed pictures of Washington for hearts, John Adams for diamonds, Franklin for clubs and Lafayette for spades. The queens were Venus, Fortuna, Ceres and Minerva. Indian chiefs were the knaves. Some of the ancient card games were "Primero," mentioned by Shakespeare, "Loadam," "Nobody," "Macke," "Oubre," "Gleek," "Post and Pan," and "Bank-rout," which have long since passed away.

Increase of Wages.

In reporting for the water department at the Town Council meeting Monday night, Mr. Murray, chairman of the water committee, stated that owing to conditions affecting laborers throughout the county, laboring men in the employ of the water department had been intimidated and the work of the department practically brought to a standstill in the matter of laying new mains. The object of the movement among the laborers was to enforce a higher standard of wages. "The question is forced on us now," Mr. Murray said, "to consider whether or not we are treating our laborers as justly as we should."

After thinking the matter over he was of the opinion that the water department had not done justice to its laborers, who were paid \$1.75 per day, which was a very small amount of money in view of the increased cost of the commodities of life. The amount was small for the labor given, he said, and it was his purpose to recommend to the council that the laborers in the employ of the water department be paid two dollars per day. Mr. Albion seconded the recommendation and it was adopted by the council.

Painters in Mix Up.

Casmere Woysiat, a painter, of 98 Walnut street, on Tuesday started to drive across the East Orange parkway from Central avenue, when an East Orangeite, George Sandford of 24 Whitteley avenue, tried to get out of the vehicle, and the wagon, loaded with 500 pounds of white lead, turned turtle. Woysiat admitted having been drinking. Policeman Nelson Gamble ran up and found the horse, paint and men in a mix-up, the paint covering the two men, and called for two more policemen, finally extricating the two. All hands were taken to the police station and the painter locked up. Recorder Nott fined him \$10. He claimed Sandford turned the horse and caused the spill, but Sandford declared Woysiat had tried to make him ride to Bloomfield Centre.

High School Alumni.

The meeting of the Bloomfield High School Alumni Association on Monday evening, May 27, will be held in the Assembly Room of the Centre School and not in the old High School, as was in last week's issue of THE CITIZEN. Postal announcements have been mailed to all former students who have attended the High School during the past twelve years. It is also hoped that all members of other classes will be present at this meeting, as well as any whose names may have been inadvertently overlooked. The business to be accomplished will be the submission and adoption of a constitution and by-laws, the selection of an appropriate gift for the new High School and the arranging of a combined business meeting and social gathering to be held in June.

Sunday-School League Game.

The German Presbyterian Sunday-school team will meet the First Presbyterian Sunday-school team this afternoon at Watessing Park, instead of Soho Park, as scheduled. The game will begin at 3:30.

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You must decide right between President Taft and those who seek to rip asunder the Republican party; you must consider this question one of the most vital and important that has ever been put up to you!

Upon you, upon New Jersey, the entire nation will look on May 28, to stand true for right, for President Taft! Be a man who can decide on merit; do not let the glare of red fire and the crash of cymbals sway your good judgment.

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President Taft is your choice for President, your kind of a man! Stand for right, for William H. Taft for renomination!

X When you mark your ballot draw an "X" before Mr. Taft's name. That means you vote for his renomination.

X ALSO draw an "X" before the group of Taft delegates. That means you vote for the delegates who are pledged to vote for Mr. Taft's renomination.

Study the ballot with great care. Know you are right, then mark it as described above. An incorrectly marked ballot means "No Vote."

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